झांगीरपुर उत्तर प्रदेश में चीनी मिल का निर्माण

4450. **चौधरी हरि सिंह**: क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जवर झांगीरपुर, जिला बुलंदशहर में चीनी मिल के निर्माण कार्य को सदा के लिए रोक दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) ऊपर उल्लिखित चीनी मिल के निर्माण कार्य को सदा के लिए रोकने का निर्णय कब लिया गया और किस अधिकारी के द्वारा लिया गया है; और

(घ) इस चीनी मिल के निर्माण कार्य पर अब तक कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गयी है?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(घ) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि प्लांट एवं मशीनरी तथा सिविल कार्यों के निर्माण पर अब तक 791 लाख रुपए खर्च किय जा चुके हैं।

Stock position of foodgrains

4451. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position relating to foodgrains as at the end of May, 1993;

(b) what was the position during the same period in 1992;

(c) whether any foodgrains stocks have been affected by the recent floods;

(d) if so, the total quantity affected; and

(e) what efforts are being made to compensate the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The stocks of foodgrains (Rice and Wheat) in the Central Pool as on 1-6-93 and 1-6-92 were as follows:—

(In lakh Tonnes)

As on	Rice	Wheat	Total
1-6-1993(P)	98.23	143.80	242.03
1-6-1992(P)	80.87	71.75	152.62

(P)—Provisional

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A total quantity of 1.16 lakh tonnes of wheat and 0.32 lakh tonnes of rice held by the Food Corporation of India, State Governments and their agencies in Punjab and Haryana is estimated to have been affected by the recent flood. Out of this it is estimated that a quantity of 0.72 lakh tonnes of wheat and 0.02 lakh tonnes of rice can be retrieved, after segregation/salvaging/drying etc.

(e) Since the damaged stocks belonged to the Government question of compensating the farmers does not arise.

Ban on export of sugar

4452. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently ..ced a ban on export of sugar;

(b) how much sugar has been exported upto 30th June, 1993 in the current financial year;

(c) what are the reasons for this sudden ban; and

(d) how Government will meet the requirements of the Indian Consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) Due to the declining trend of sugar production during 1992-93 season and with a view to ensure sufficient availability of sugar for domestic consumption, Government has directed the export agency not to enter into any fresh contract for export of sugar, except the preferential quota to USA/EEC and a small quantity of levy sugar to Nepal. The total quantity of sugar exported from 01.04.1993 to 30.06.1993 has been intimated as 1.75 lakh tonnes by the export agency.

Ban of new contracts for export of sugar

4453. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued instructions to exporters not to enter new contracts for export of sugar; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Due to the declining trend in sugar production during 1992-93 season, Government has directed the export agency not to enter into any fresh contract for export of sugar, except the preferential quota to USA/EEC and a small quantity of levy sugar to Nepal.

Foodgrains in tribal area

4454. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRIFED under the Ministry of Welfare has procured foodgrains in Tribal areas;

(b) what were the support prices and the commodities of foodgrains in which these operations were undertaken;

(c) what was the total amount of foodgrains so procured last year; and

(d) whether such foodgrains were actually handed over to the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) TRIFED has been engaged as agent of Food Corporation of India (FCI) to undertake procurement of wheat, paddy and coarse grains in tribal areas at Minimum Support Prices (MSP)/Procurement Prices fixed by the Government, which are as under for the current and previous Rabi/Kharif marketing seasons:—

(Rs. per quintal)

Commodities	MSP/Procurement Price	
	1992-93	1993-94
Wheat	275*	330*
Paddy	**1991-92**	**1992-93**
Common	230	270
Fine	240	280
Superfine	250	290
Coarsegrains (Jowar, Bajra, Ragi)	205	240
Maize	210	245

*Inclusive of Central bonus of Rs. 25/- per quintal.